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THE REYNOLDS HOMESTEAD, MONSON, MASS.
SUMMER.

Charles W. Reynolds



THE REYNOLDS HOMESTEAD, MONSON, MASS.
AUTUMN.



“Vol. III of the Battle Abbey Roll by the Duchess of Cleveland, gives five names of Renard in the men at arms who came over from Normandy with the Conqueror; that this same device of the three foxes obtained more than five hundred years ago in the French family; and that its antiquity is to a certain extent guaranteed by the fact that in the earliest times the symbols adopted were largely representations of animals. As a rule they adopted what they called a “canting” device, that is, an allusion to the real name of the proprietor, simply that the illiterate men at arms should at once distinguish it. For instance, the name DeWolf, comes from an old line and has a wolf as the crest, and for the same reason the old Norman name of Renard has the fox, which is of course for the sake of the illiterate men at arms who would immediately associate it with the name as they would not perhaps a star or a circle or some such device which has no possible connection with the name. The French coloring was a blue shield with three gold foxes upon it.”

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One record has been stated as follows :

WILLIAM REYNOLDS, born in 1560 in Gloucestershire, England, (some say the family came from Wales) married Esther _____ in 1594.

Their son, William Jr., born 1596 in Gloucester, England, married Ruth _____ 1615. It has been stated, but not proven, that this William Jr. had two brothers, Christopher and John, all linen weavers by trade, and that about the year 1634-5 they sailed from England and landed on the Island of Bermuda. From thence Christopher came to the Carolinas and William to New England (probably New Plymouth, now Salem, Mass.) John remained in Bermuda, and in later years his son, John, came to and settled in Pennsylvania.

There were three early settlements of the Reynolds family in Rhode Island: Jonathan at Bristol; John, called John the Carpenter, in what is now Exeter, and James in what is now North Kingstown. By the marriages of three sons of said James to three daughters of James Greene, we have the ancestry of their descendants back to Henry, King of France, 1030, and to Robert, Earl of Leicester, England, 1310.

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The correct report of our branch, beginning with James Reynolds, whose will is on record in North Kingstown, R. I., proved 1702, is as follows :

James Reynolds, born 1617, possibly in Gloucester, England, married Deborah _____ ; he died in 1702. Their children were John, James, Joseph, Henry, Deborah, Francis, Mercy, Robert, Benjamin and Elizabeth.

Joseph Reynolds, born November 27, 1652, married ; (first wife not known) had son John. It is thought he lived in Exeter, R. I. Died 1739.

Children of Joseph Reynolds, by his second wife :

1 Joseph Jr.	4 James.	7 Sarah.
2 Robert.	5 Mercy.	8 Suzanna.
3 Samuel.	6 Alice.	

The writer after careful research believes the following record to be correct from James, 1617 :

- 1 William Reynolds, 1560, England.
- 2 William Reynolds Jr., 1596, England.
- 3 James Reynolds, 1617, England; d. 1702, U. S.
- 4 Joseph Reynolds, 1652, U. S.; d. 1739.
- 5 John Reynolds.
- 6 John Reynolds Jr. (Blind).
- 7 Eldred Reynolds.
- 8 Joseph Langford Reynolds.
- 9 Eli Whitney Reynolds.
- 10 Joseph Everett Reynolds.
- 11 } Ethel Scott Reynolds (Emery).
 } Vivian Reynolds.



JOSEPH LANGFORD REYNOLDS.

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JOSEPH LANGFORD REYNOLDS was born on the old farm in the village of Wickford, a part of North Kingstown, R. I., Dec. 31, 1796. Died in Monson, Mass., June 9, 1885. He had three brothers and three sisters: John, Henry, Sheffield C., Sarah, Martha L. and Mary G. He passed his life up to the age of fourteen at North Kingstown, attending school at the village of Wickford, R. I. In the year 1811 he went to Portsmouth, R. I., and engaged in farming, but returned home the following year. At the age of 16 he went to Coventry, R. I., to learn machine-making with Hinds, Arnold & Co., where he remained three years. He then went to Bozrah, Conn., making brass andirons. He afterwards took service with Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, at Whitneyville, Conn., making muskets for the United States government. Here he remained for three years, at the expiration of which he went to Pawtucket, R. I., and engaged in the machine business.

In 1820 he went to Brimfield, Mass., and engaged in the manufacturing of cotton sheeting.

In 1821 he went to Monson, Mass., and associated himself with the Hampden Cotton Mfg. Co. He first became general overseer for the company, and afterwards acted as agent for twenty-five years.

In 1850 the company, as some mark of appreciation of the long and valuable services of Mr. Reynolds, presented him a handsome solid silver pitcher, bearing the inscription,

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PRESENTED TO JOSEPH L. REYNOLDS, ESQ.,
BY THE HAMPDEN MANUFACTURING COM-
PANY AS A TOKEN OF THEIR SENSE OF
THE SKILL, ABILITY AND INTEGRITY
EVINCED BY HIM IN THE MANAGEMENT
OF THEIR AFFAIRS FOR A QUARTER OF A
CENTURY. 1850.

This "token" (silver pitcher) and the old grandfather's clock, one hundred years old in June, 1904, are both in possession of the writer, September, 1903.

The Hampden Company finally dissolved, and Mr. Reynolds engaged in running his own enterprise, having rebuilt the Rockland mill, purchased of the Hampden Co., June 5, 1869.

In the year 1879 Mr. Reynolds, having reached the age of 82, retired from active business, leaving its cares and details to the management of his sons, R. M. and Theodore Reynolds.

He added much to the embellishment of the town of Monson, and for many years enjoyed living in his handsome and commodious residence in South Monson, which he erected in 1845.

The Reynolds family contributed liberally towards the cost of building Memorial Hall; the cost was forty-odd thousand dollars, of which the Reynolds family gave several thousand dollars.

Mr. Reynolds was State Senator in 1854; Justice of the Peace for many years; first Master of Thomas and



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Day Spring lodges of Masons, Thomas lodge removing to Palmer, Mass. Day Spring lodge was constituted 1862.

On July 13, 1824, Joseph Langford Reynolds was united in marriage with Sylvia, daughter of William Smith of Brimfield, Mass. She died Aug. 9, 1836, leaving four children: Eli Whitney, Joseph Langford Jr., Sarah, Abraham Haskell.

On March 8, 1837, he married Oral, daughter of Rice Munn, of Monson, Mass., the family having been among the first settlers of the town. Three children were born to them, one of whom died in infancy :

Rice Munn Reynolds, b. Dec. 18, 1838; d. April 3, 1898.

Theodore Reynolds, b. Oct. 31, 1843; d. March 29, 1900.

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ELI WHITNEY REYNOLDS, eldest son of Joseph Langford Reynolds Sr., was born in Monson, Mass., March 29, 1825. He was educated in the public schools and academy of the town. He was a man of rare intelligence and ability. By birth and education he was well fitted to fill positions of trust and honor. For several years he assisted his father in the management of his large mill interests. He afterwards engaged in the mill business in Manchester and Nashua, N. H. Later he interested himself in the building trade in Keene, N. H. April 2, 1853, he married Saphronia Adelaide, daughter of James Scott, of Stoddard, N. H. Two children were born to them :

Joseph Everett Reynolds, b. February 22, 1854.

Whitney Smith Reynolds, b. Sept. 11, 1856; d. Oct. 30, 1860.

Saphronia A. Scott, wife of E. W. Reynolds, died September 18, 1863.

August 22, 1864, Eli Whitney Reynolds married Mrs. Mary Hixon in Boston, Massachusetts. There were no children born to them.

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JOSEPH EVERETT REYNOLDS.

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JOSEPH EVERETT REYNOLDS was born in Nashua, N. H., February 23, 1854. The family moved to Keene, N. H., where they resided for several years. The mother dying Sept. 16, 1863, brought many changes in the family circle. Joseph, who was about nine years of age, was left in the care of a domestic; the boy felt the loss of his mother very keenly. This was during the third year of the Civil War. The father was in the employ of the government at Washington.

Mr. Reynolds was educated in the public schools of Keene, N. H., and the Bryant Stratton Commercial College, Boston, Mass. He is a member of Hockomocko lodge, I. O. O. F., Westboro, Mass., and of Siloam lodge of Masons. For thirty years he was engaged in the manufacturing of straw and felt hats in Holliston, Wrentham and Westboro, Mass., and Stamford, Conn. August, 1900, he came to Monson, Mass., to live at the earnest solicitation of many of Monson's representative citizens. He now occupies the handsome and commodious residence erected by Joseph Langford Reynolds in South Monson in 1845, and later occupied by Theodore Reynolds, uncle of Joseph E. Theodore Reynolds, who died March 29, 1900, had added to and improved the Reynolds homestead. The oak finished dining room and fine library addition are to his credit.

Joseph Everett Reynolds married Sarah Isadora, daughter of George L. and Elizabeth S. Rixford, in Holliston, Mass., July 24, 1876, Rev. Joshua Gill being the

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officiating clergyman. Two daughters were the result of the union :

Ethel Scott Reynolds, b. Nov. 24, 1877.

Vivian Reynolds, b. April 4, 1880.



VIVIAN REYNOLDS.



THELMA ELIZABETH EMERY.
ESTHER REYNOLDS EMERY.

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ETHEL SCOTT REYNOLDS married Edward W. Emery, son of George F. and Sarah Elizabeth (Belknap) Emery, in San Francisco, California, Sept. 20, 1897.

Thelma Elizabeth Emery, b. Nov. 21, 1898.

Esther Reynolds Emery, b. Sept. 5, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Emery reside in Westboro, Mass., in the former home of their parents (Reynolds).

NOTE — Esther Reynolds Emery was born three hundred and six (306) years after the first William married the first Esther in 1594.

Of those whose names appear in the foregoing record, the following are living at the time of this writing Sept. 15, 1903 :

Eli Whitney Reynolds — His wife.

Joseph Everett Reynolds — His wife; her parents.

Ethel S. Reynolds (Emery) — Her husband; his parents.

Vivian Reynolds.

Thelma Elizabeth Emery.

Esther Reynolds Emery.



